

Marblehead Cultural Council April 2025 Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2025
6:30 pm
Abbot Library, Marblehead Room #304
Meeting Type: In-Person

Attendees:

Jennifer Uhl, Chair
Jeanie Stahl, Co-Chair
Aaron Liber, Secretary
Jim Murphy, Treasurer
Kathy Barker
Joe Dipoli
Alex MacAaron
Marjorie Norman

Not Attending:

Rose Gould
Mark Philip
Lisa Seltzer

Motion to bring meeting to order/seconded - meeting called to order.

Abbreviated version of Land Acknowledgement read. (Available under "Other" at MarbleheadCulturalCouncil.org).

Motion to waive reading of last meeting minutes/seconded – reading of minutes waived.

Treasurer's Report:

Two Grantees (total of \$1000) have completed their projects and submitted reimbursement paperwork which Chair has processed at the Town Accounting Office. These two grantees are MLK Day of Service (\$500) and Social Fabric (\$500). There was also additional reimbursement of \$306 for administrative costs. This includes \$48 – Wordpress (website) Annual Fee (now expires Feb 14, 2026); \$19 – Domain name (www.marbleheadculturalcouncil.org) Annual Fee (now expires Feb 14, 2026); \$3 – Tax on Wordpress/Domain; and \$236 – Post Office Box Annual Rental (billed each January). The reminder was made that the Indigenous Peoples' Day event from 2024 did not use all of its grant funds. This will have a \$695.76 rollover toward the 2026 budget, not the 2025 budget. The 2025 granting budget has already been dispensed, so any 2024 unused additional funds are offset a year as a result.

Liaison Updates:

On Tuesdays May 6th and May 27th Salem Sound 2000 will offer Steam Workshops covering "Coastal Habitats and Animal Adaptations" for 1st thru 3rd graders. These will be held in the new Makerspace at the Marblehead Library after school. The Marblehead Arts Association will present live music on a date to be determined. The Slave Economy presentation will take place at the Council on Aging on a date to be determined. The Nature in your Neighborhood Walk will be held on Friday May 23rd from 8am-10am at the Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary. It is currently oversubscribed with 21 people registered.

May Grantee Reception Plan:

The Marblehead Cultural Council Grantee Reception will be held on Monday May 12th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Abbot Public Library Event Center on the Ground Floor and if weather permits in the adjoining courtyard. This event celebrates the new 2025 Grantees and allows the Council to congratulate them all in person. It is also an informal way for everyone to meet and network with each other. Alex created the invitation which Marjorie emailed to all. Several council members volunteered to bring assorted food and drink. Kathy will request tables from the library. Kathy, Marjorie and Alex comprise the Reception Sub-group.

Current Technology Plan:

Aaron will be the newly created “Technology Coordinator” and provide real-time technology-related updates as necessary during meetings. He will also update the Cultural Council webpage (WordPress). In addition, Aaron will help coordinate any future remote meeting access needs with the Chair.

2025 Community Survey:

Jeanie, Joe, and Marjorie comprise the Survey Sub-group. This Sub-group updated the survey draft and presented to the Council. The Council reviewed, then provided suggestions and edits. A motion to approve the survey pending these edits was made, seconded, and passed. Jeanie will create small cards with the QR code link to the survey that Aaron created. Aaron will update the survey on Google Forms. Kathy will contact the two local newspapers to ensure the QR code link is printed in them.

Hybrid Meeting Decision:

This March Governor Maura Healey extended the hybrid public meeting law to 2027. Since there was no further discussion about moving all future Marblehead Cultural Council meetings to a hybrid format, a motion to move all future Marblehead Cultural Council meetings to a hybrid format was made, seconded and passed. The town will provide the Zoom account. The library will provide the equipment. Kyle Wiley, Select Board Administrative Aide, coordinates creating the Zoom meeting link and will email it to the Marblehead Cultural Council gmail account. Zoom links must be posted on the Council Meeting Agendas.

Council Member Terms:

Lisa is resigning prior to her term end (2027). Alex, Kathy, Marjorie and Rose's first terms end in June. Alex, Kathy, and Marjorie will opt for re-appointment at the end of June. Rose has not yet indicated her preference.

Adjournment, Next Meeting Wednesday, June 4, Abbot Library:

Adjournment 8pm. The next meeting will be held on June 4 from 6:30-8pm in the Marblehead Room, 3rd floor of Library.

Meeting minutes compiled by Marjorie Norman and edited by Jen Uhl.